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##### Former Customs Commissioner's Memoirs.

How the Hongkong market was sometimes manipulated by means of fast-sailing-vessels which got ahead of the Mail is described in a recently published book on the Chinese Customs Service by Paul King, some time Commissioner of Customs in China.

"In the old opium days at Hongkong," he writes, "the 'Glengyle' left Calcutta a day after the Indian Mail and arrived outside Hongkong a day or so before her, remaining in hiding near the Lytton Pass. Her first mate, disguised as a Chinese, landed alone, and delivered mail advices to the firm that owned her. When the Indian Mail had arrived and the letters were distributed in the usual way the 'Glengyle' also came into port and registered her arrival."

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Mr. King was acting Commissioner of the Kowloon Customs for a period and has some interesting observations to make on Hongkong past and present.

"Hongkong was a very different-looking place to the present city. One landed from a six-oared gig at steps just below the Clock Tower. The old Club and the old Hongkong Hotel were close by, both very comfortable places if not quite so much up-to-date as the present buildings. But deep verandahs and large rooms at valuable adjuncts in the almost perpetual heat of Southern China and with majestic slow-moving punkahs had much in them to invite comparison, not altogether to their disadvantage, with the blaze of electric lamps and the whirr of mechanical fans which often fail either to sooth or to cool."

PEAK RAIL A DREAM.

"However, one must not be *Laudator temporis acti*, only in the bustle and hustle of daily life as now obtaining in the Far East one looks back affectionately at the calm dignity of old time 'Raffles' at Singapore, and at the quiet and spacious 'interiors' of a by-gone age in Hongkong. The Peak Railway was still a dream. The Peak Railway was still a dream. I scaled the Rock on foot—with chair following, and came down the same way. A few hardy pioneers had bungalows on the mountain-side. I noticed one bungalow with roof securely moored to the soil with stout

##### BRIAND SPEAKS.

##### ATTITUDE TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, January 22.

Before a packed Chamber eager to hear his first tribute speech since his fall, the ex-Premier, M. Briand, killed doubts as to his attitude toward the Government by expressing his entire approval of its foreign policy except as regard the Vatican. He declared that it was France's interest to be officially represented at the Vatican as at Moscow and Canada—the seats of the three great international.

He urged M. Herriot to subordinate Party considerations to national interests, although it meant a breach of the election pledge given by the Left Parties.

## A TRUCE.

### No Chinese War During Festivities.

#### ULL FOR SEVEN DAYS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, January 23. The Chinese paper announced that a seven day truce over the China New Year has been declared between Lu Yung-hsiang and Chih Sien-yuan.

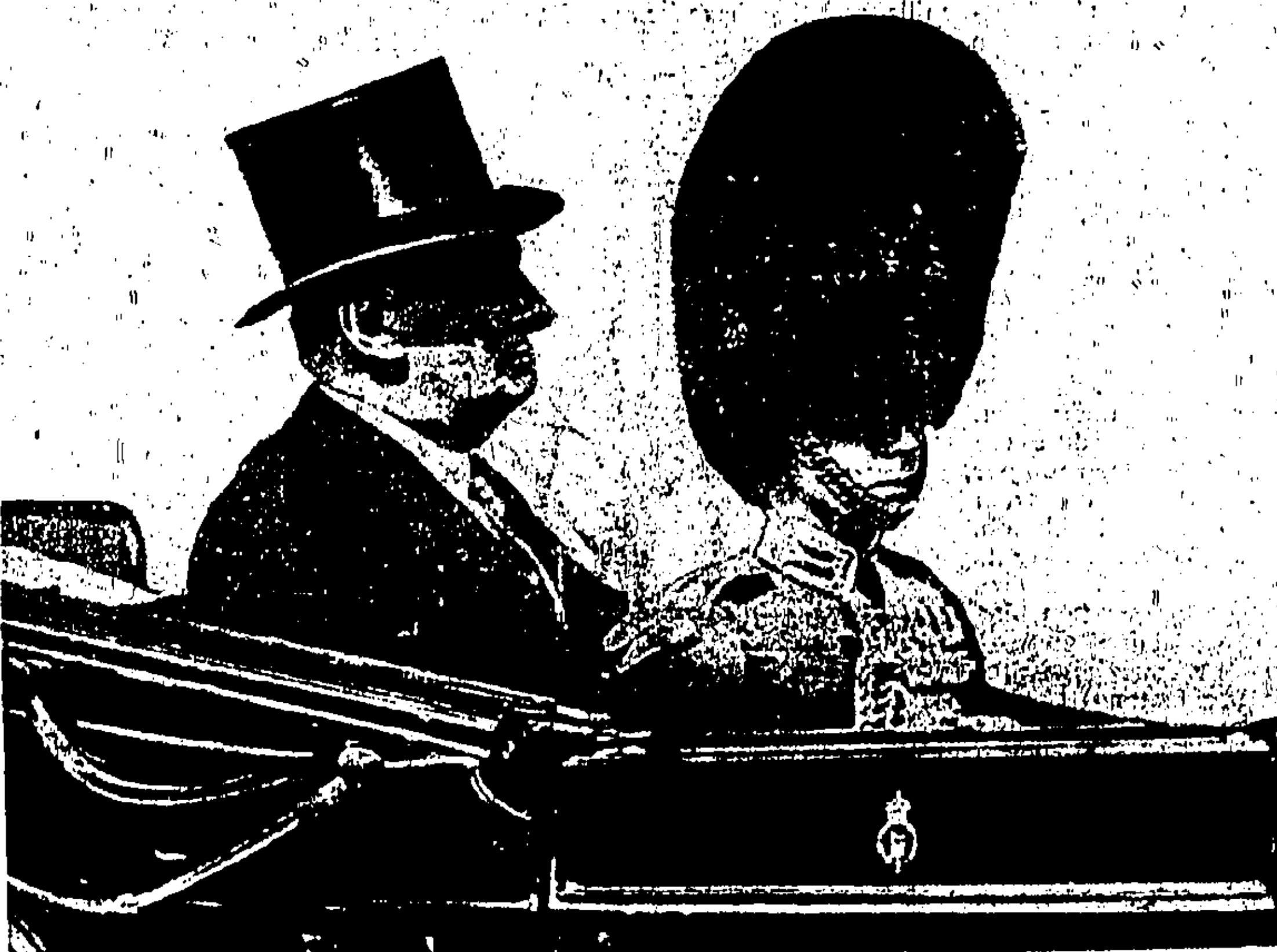
#### LOCAL OPTION.

##### DUTCH BILL AGAIN THROWN OUT.

(Reuter's Service.)

The Hague, January 22. The first Chamber has again rejected the Bill introducing local option regarding alcoholic liquors.

#### PRINCE OF WALES TO VISIT THE ARGENTINE.



The surprise of the King's speech at the opening of Parliament was the announcement that the Prince of Wales is to visit the Argentine this year at the invitation of the President and Government. The Argentine Minister in London has stated that the date of the visit and its duration has not yet been fixed. The Prince's acceptance, he said, would give the greatest pleasure to the people of the Argentine. Our photograph shows His Royal Highness with the President of the Argentine during the latter's visit to London last year.

#### SAVING ST. PAUL'S.

##### LONDON COUNCIL TAKES LEAD.

ANOTHER FINE DONATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

The court of the Common Council of the City of London to-day voted 5,000 guineas for the St. Paul's Cathedral Restoration Fund.

#### DRASTIC NEED.

Later. The 5,000 guineas voted by the City Council to the St. Paul's Cathedral preservation fund is in addition to the \$4,000 already contributed. The chief commoner, proposing the resolution in this connection, said it was incumbent on the Corporation to give a lead to the movement to restore a monument dear not merely to Londoners but to the Empire and the world, as an incentive to people throughout the Empire.

A special committee was appointed to confer with everyone concerned, including the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's. Councillor Pakeman said that drastic measures must be taken, even to the extent of closing the edifice for a considerable period. He hoped the committee would approach the Government besides the Cathedral authorities.

It is noteworthy that the public has already subscribed \$144,000 to the St. Paul's Cathedral preservation fund, through the columns of "The Times."

#### BACK TO GOLD.

##### BRITAIN'S CURRENCY PROBLEMS.

##### POSITION REVIEWED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 22. Messrs. Montagu's annual budget letter says that when the cost of living, labour, and raw material on the Continent becomes adjusted to the depreciated exchanges and relations between employers and employed in Britain have improved, the return of the United Kingdom to an effective gold standard will be much simplified. Several European countries, for instance Switzerland and Holland, are now considering a return to the gold parity, nor must the anxiety of South Africa to make its gold standard effective be overlooked. The letter dwells on the absorption of gold by India which is in strong contrast to the present position of the Indian currency which is hardly soluble until the United Kingdom is again working freely on the gold standard. Meanwhile the more gold India takes, the longer is the return of the United Kingdom to an effective gold standard deferred.

India's Problem. Delhi, January 22. In the Legislative Assembly, Sir J. Mackellar, introducing the currency amendment bill with a view to raising a hundred crores of rupees, said eighty-five crores to be an excessive monetary stringency, and some critics wanted a still smaller sum, but it was still right to have the rupee either to be a standard currency and thereby

## WATCH YOUR NAILS.

### MEDICAL CONGRESS ADVICE.

#### DANGER OF LEPROSY.

Disease Scratched Into The System.

Care of the nails is one of the most important of hygienic principles and in a lecture on leprosy delivered to medical conference delegates at the Hongkong University this morning Dr. Muir indicated the terrible consequences which might follow neglect in this respect.

Dr. Muir, who was the recipient of one of the honorary degrees bestowed at the opening of the conference on Tuesday, has been working on leprosy research work for years. At this morning's lecture he said that the bacilli of leprosy was not fatal disease and less than four per cent. of infected people died of it. Its chief dread for people who got it or were likely to get it was its lack of fatality. Many people who had been to him for diagnosis when told that they were not suffering from it had told him that they had quite made up their mind to commit suicide if they had found they had the disease.

A belief which the lecturer said was common even to medical men and for which there was no foundation was that lepers with sores and ulcers were the most dangerous. To test this he had once examined "such patients" in the largest leper hospital in India and of the 250 examined only three had the leper bacilli in them. Paradoxical though it seemed, they were lepers yet not suffering from the disease of leprosy. They were merely in a similar condition to people who were marked from the effects of small-pox. "You would not think of opening an infectious disease's hospital for pock-marked people," said Dr. Muir. "But," he added, "a man is not in law a leper in India unless he has an ulcer."

That leprosy can only get a hold on a person when the resistance of the body has been lowered by some other disease was another hypothesis put forward by the lecturer, and he said that much of the work being done in the combating of the dread disease was by treating the patients for diseases which lowered the resistance, particularly syphilis, and hookworm.

In nearly all cases the disease manifested itself first through the nerves such as by superficial anaesthesia. This could be ascertained by means of skin tests, touching parts of the arms or legs and asking the patient to indicate the parts. If there was infection there would be parts he would not know had been touched.

The reason why leprosy had not been studied much by the medical profession was that it had been regarded as an affliction sent from God for some sin in a former life, said Dr. Muir.

The delegates are studying phases of the treatment of leprosy during the rest of the Session.

#### JOHNNY DUNDEE.

##### BARRED FROM FIGHTS IN FRANCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, January 22. Notwithstanding the arrangements made for the fight at Bretonnel on January 21 for which thousands of tickets had been sold, Johnny Dundee sailed for New York on January 17 wirelessing *en route* that his hasty departure was due to his wife's illness.

The French Boxing Federation has decided that Dundee and his manager, Johnson, be permanently barred from engaging in fights in France. The Federation has appealed to all countries affiliated with the Bonting Union to impose a similar penalty. (Dundee is the featherweight champion of the world at boxing.)

#### NOT WANTED.

##### U.S. MINISTER TO IRISH FREE STATE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, January 22. The House of Representatives has rejected Mr. Boyland's Bill empowering the President to appoint a Minister to the Irish Free State.

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Mrs. Aubrey's violin-playing was greatly appreciated. Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith and Mrs. Douglas Reid each sang three songs, all of which were received with applause.

Mr. L. E. Hopkins gave two baritone songs with great success, and Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith played two piano solos which afforded the audience much pleasure.

The full programme was as under:

Soprano Solos (Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith), (a) "A Dream of Childhood" (Sanderson); (b) "A Song of Quietness" (Haydn Wood).

Violin Solos (Mrs. Aubrey); (a) "Chant Hindon" (Arranged by Kreisler); (b) "Londonerry Air" (Arranged by Kreisler).

Baritone Solo (Mr. L. E. Hopkins).

Mezzo-Soprano Solos (Mrs. Douglas Reid); (a) "If thou wert Blind" (Noel Johnson); (b) "The Fairy Laundry" (Montague Phillips).

Piano Solos (Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith); (a) "Nocturne in E Major" (Chopin); (b) "Humoreske" (Bartók).

Soprano Solo (Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith); "At the Well" (Hageman).

Baritone Solo (Mr. L. E. Hopkins); "A Banjo Song" (Homer).

Mezzo-Soprano Solo (Mrs. Douglas Reid); "Far, Far Across the Desert Sands" (Woodford-Findon).

## JAPAN'S PLANS.

TOKIO, January 22.—The Premier, addressing the Diet on its resumption this morning, dealt with foreign and domestic questions, expressing, firstly, the Government's sympathy with the Chinese in Tuan Chi-jui's efforts to stabilise politics in China, and, secondly, the Government's pleasure at the conclusion of the Russo-Japanese agreement for the re-establishment of the long-continued friendship.

Dealing with domestic matters, he declared that the new armaments proposal for the reduction of the number of divisions as well as the replenishment of new arms was necessitated by the geographical position and special conditions of Japan, as well as by the need to bring the army up to standard strength with the efficiency of the armies of other Powers.

He was of the opinion that the readjustment of State expenditure, as carried out, relieved the financial position of the country. He announced his intention to continue along the same lines in State as well as local Budgets. With the amplification of the system of administration no loan policy would be followed in the current year.

A Universal Suffrage Bill would be introduced.

He stated that the Government was now investigating the question of the reform of the Upper House, compatible with the Constitution. He promised an investigation looking toward the readjustment of taxation as well as an increase of State aid to primary education.

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## THE CHINA MAIL.

### MORAL JUSTICE. BASIS OF SETTLING DEBTS OF ALLIES.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, January 22.

The speech of the ex-Minister, M. Marin, in the French Chamber last night, apropos of war debts, has attracted much attention in France and America.

M. Marin urged the settlement of debts on the principles of moral justice instead of cold accountancy.

He contrasted France's sufferings in war time with those of the other Allies.

His speech was applauded by the whole House, except the Communists, and also endorsed by the newspapers, which congratulate M. Marin on saying aloud what the nation was thinking.

## AMERICA DEFENDED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, January 22.

M. Martin's speech was re-enacted in the Senate, where Senator Borah warmly defended the American attitude.

He declared that the United States reputation abroad as Shylock was unjustified. He said that the settlement of the

British debt was the most generous proposition in history. No

body could read the debate in the

French Chamber without concluding

that repudiation of the entire

debt was being discussed. He

added that France received at

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far as Canton disorders permit), thus will the Chinese start the new year with joy and with hope. Thus will this great race, having added one more chapter to its aged story, face another twelve months' history, its national instinct as strong as of yore, the call of its destiny as clear as ever. That China will yet overcome the evil forces threatening her heritage, that she will yet recover her ancient greatness there can be no doubt whatever. Modern republics cannot be substituted for autocratic systems centuries old without a certain amount of confusion. Rome was not built in a day, neither was any present day government established in a decade. The French are said to be Europe's most logical people, but a brief 125 years has seen their country's government republic, dictatorship, empire, monarchy, republic again, once more empire, and now yet again republic. A century and a quarter forms but a fraction of China's history, fourteen years but a fleeting minute. The Chinese have a secret of perpetuity. "A Mediterranean civilisation, as we are now discovering, was destroyed before our history began. Before Minos was, China is, subject to anarchies and conquests and, superficial changes of all kinds, but still the same China, with the same kind of art in its earliest bronzes, the same sophisticated yet simple scepticism, that remains to this day." But this, we are told, does not mean mere inertia, for many will agree with Mr. Bertrand Russell that the Chinese enjoy life more than we do, and have deeper intellectual interests; only they have made up their minds about things as we have not; they are born with their minds made up, and have been for thousands of years, where we incessantly argue about it and try huge experiments that to them would not have been worth trying. Seek as we may to despise this indifference as barbarous, we must yet, as the "Times" has pointed out, remember that it was, before we were, and may endure when we are no longer. "The Chinese of the future are not likely to trouble themselves with the history of our decline and fall; but they may, we know, mankind. Volumes have been written about his love for the beautiful. His tender compassion for the suffering, his

anger for the tyrannical, and his scorn for the hypocritical; volumes have been devoted to the surpassing charm of his verse, the fervour of his appeal, the clearness of his vision, and the absolute sincerity of his soul—volumes have been devoted to every aspect of his soaring genius, yet perhaps one cannot improve the simple tribute he wrote for a friend but himself richly earned:

"Few hearts like his with virtue warn'd,  
Few heads with knowledge so inform'd.

If there's another world he lives in bliss,  
If there is none, he made the best of this.

AN ILLUSTRIOUS MEDICO.

One of the most illustrious figures in the medical world passed away at Cambridge last month in the person of Professor John Irvine Hunter, Professor of Anatomy at the University of Sydney, at the early age of 26 years. His career is an object lesson to medical students in Hongkong and elsewhere, showing that nothing is impossible to youth, given the brains and the application for study. At the Albany District School, the Port Street Boys' School, and the Medical School he carried all before him. Two years before he graduated at the University he acted as prospectus and demonstrator in the department of anatomy, and immediately after graduation was appointed Assistant Professor of Anatomy, Sydney University. He was then only 21 years of age, and held the honour of being the youngest Professor in any first-class University in the world. After lecturing for a term he was granted leave of absence to tour abroad, with the object of studying methods of teaching and research in anatomy. Amongst those associated with him in London was Professor J. L. Shelshear, of the Hongkong University. After an absence of eighteen months he returned to Sydney via America, where he addressed the medical faculties of several of the largest Universities, and on his return was appointed to the Chair of Anatomy—a remarkable and unprecedented honour. One of Professor Hunter's greatest achievements was the remarkable results obtained by him, in conjunction with Dr. N. D. Royle, in the treatment of paralysis. Dr. Royle became convinced that patients suffering from spastic or rigid paralysis owed in considerable measure the disability they suffered from to the released activity of the involuntary nerves. Experiments in the School of Anatomy in the Sydney University led to an operation on a human patient with a view to reducing the rigidity of paralysed limbs consequent upon injury to the brain. The success was astonishing. The rigidity immediately disappeared, and freedom of the limbs soon asserted itself. The work carried out by those young scientists represented one of the most important advances in medical science in recent years, and it was referred to at length in all the leading medical journals of Great Britain and America. This will of itself suffice to show the loss that has been sustained by the death of Professor Hunter, not only by the Sydney University, but by the cause of humanity throughout the world.

IMMORTAL MEMORY.

Often people can be heard to say, as a reproach against life, "Oh, it will be all the same a hundred years hence." This answer to the age-long query *ad quid venisti?* might well depress the mind but for the thought that the world still has its poets and its musicians, its painters and its sculptors; that it still treasures the exquisite creations of the master spirits of the past left for all humanity. Remembering this, the appreciative can rejoice that "it will be all the same a hundred years hence"—nay, five hundred, five thousand years hence, even "so long as men can breathe and eyes can see." But those, "eternal—summer" shall not fade, are very few; and, though they have wrought their magic in many ways, and their lives have been as far apart as the bustling stage and the lonely hills, yet have they the one supreme thing in common. They all have that divine attribute which writes them each as one who loved his fellow-men. This great humanity, which is the real genius of the immortals, rarely burned with greater passion than it did in the breast of Robert Burns, the ploughman poet whose memory the whole English-speaking world celebrates this week, the 165th anniversary of his birthday. Burns has been described as Scotland's national poet. He is more infinitely more than that. He is one of humanity's poets. Intensely alive to everything, he knew himself and his kind mankind. Volumes have been written about his love for the beautiful. His tender compassion for the suffering, his

FOOTBALL.  
THE WEEKEND GAMES.  
SOME ANTICIPATIONS.

[By "Dutchie."]

The following games will be played during the Holidays:

SATURDAY JANUARY 24.

League—Division I.

R. A. v. Kowloon, Sockumpoo ground.

Club v. Tamar, Club ground.

Kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.

League—Division II.

Recreo "A" v. University, Kowloon ground.

Kick off at 2.30 p.m.

Junior Shield Competition.

Surrey Reserves v. St. Joseph's, Sockumpoo ground.

Club Res. v. Drums, Club ground.

Kick off at 2.30 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26.

Junior Shield Competition.

Kowloon Reserves v. Moslem Club, Kowloon ground.

Kick off at 11 a.m. sharp.

Interport v. Shanghai, Club ground.

Kick off at 3.45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28.

South China v. Shanghai, Club Ground.

Kick off at 4.15 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29.

United Services v. Shanghai, Club ground.

Kick off at 4.15 p.m.

Owing to the late arrival of the Shanghai footballers their game with the local team has been postponed until Monday. The Chinese will meet Shanghai on the Wednesday and the Services on the Thursday. For the convenience of the public generally the time for starting the games on Wednesday and Thursday have been put back to 4.15 p.m.

Booking for the Interport game on Monday closes at Anderson at 5 p.m. to-day, but tickets can be obtained from the Association Secretary at the Hongkong Football Club House to-morrow or Monday.

There will be two First Division fixtures on Saturday, the Artillery being at home to Kowloon. The latter will not be at full strength and a win for the Gunners is anticipated.

The Hongkong Football Club are at home to H.M.S. "Tamar," when a good and fast game will be seen. The Club will be without Bishop, but they have some new arrivals who are expected to improve the forward line. Howard will drop to left back position. A draw is a likely result.

A FATAL FIRE.

The fire at Nos. 60-61, Woosung Street, Yau Ma Tei, in the early hours of January 3, which resulted in nine lives being lost, was the subject of an enquiry at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon with Mr. E. W. Hamilton sitting as Coroner.

After the evidence of a Chinese witness and the medical officer of the Kowloon Mortuary, the Coroner and jury left to inspect the scene of the fire.

The enquiry will be continued on Thursday.

FULL COURT.

KUNG WO RESTAURANT DECISION.

Judgment was given in the Full Court yesterday for the landlord (Lam Cho-ying) in the Kung Wo Restaurant case.

In the initial proceedings, the landlord of seven Chinese houses at West Point, claimed for possession. The acting Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice A. Dyer Ball) gave judgment for the Restaurant (tenants) on the ground that the notice to quit, served by the landlord, was bad. The facts were that the two party walls on the extremes of the two end houses were not to be demolished and the notice was therefore held to be bad as it did not give the exact nature of the reconstruction.

This decision was reversed by the Full Court.

Yesterday, the Restaurant (defendants in the original action) applied to the Full Court for leave to appeal to the Privy Council against the decision of the Full Court.

The Court comprised the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Cowper Gollan), and the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice H. H. J. Gompertz).

Giving judgment, their Lordships said that it was obvious that the judgment given on appeal to the full Court was absolutely final in this case. The right to appeal had been taken away under local law, and the application would accordingly be dismissed.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C. (instructed by Mr. E. Davidson) was for the restaurant (appellants) and Mr. Elton Potter, K.C. (instructed by Mr. Macnamara) for the landlord (respondent plaintiff).

An application for stay of execution was disallowed.

ALLEGED MURDERS.

SEQUEL TO DEATH OF A COOK.

CARETAKER'S FATE.

Preliminary evidence in the case in which Chan King-chung, a *fork* at the Hang Tai meat stall, Central Market, was charged with causing the death of a cook by stabbing on January 1, was concluded at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. J. E. Wood. The accused was committed for trial at the next Sessions.

Another case in which a man named Won Lu was charged with the "murder" of a caretaker, at Circular Pathway, on October 2, was adjourned for a week. The accused, who is alleged to have lived with the caretaker, disappeared after the crime, but was arrested by the police a few days ago.

## PRIZE DAY.

## CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL CEREMONY.

SIR CLAUD SEVERN PRESIDES.

A holiday atmosphere prevailed at the hall of the Central British School, Kowloon, this forenoon, when the pupils, mustered in full strength, attended by parents and well-wishers, for the annual prize distribution.

Sir Claud Severn was present and gave away the prizes.

The attendance included Lady Severn, Mrs. and Miss Holyoak, Rev. Copley Moyle, Rev. Johnston, Mr. E. Ralphs, Captain Watts, Professor L. Forster, Mr. B. Wyllie, and the staff of the School.

The Headmaster (Mr. G. Franklin Nightingale) read the following report:

During the year 1924 there were great developments in every department of the School and it seems probable that in the near future additional buildings will become necessary. Our numbers are increasing—today there are 135 on the roll—and the present building will soon be too small if the development of the residential part of Kowloon continues at the same rate.

## Attendance.

The School was opened on 196 days. The maximum enrolment was 136. In January there were 118 on the roll, in December 128. The average attendance during the whole year was 97, the highest average attendance being 116 in December. The attendance of the whole was good in spite of absences due to measles, malaria and dengue fever.

The Midsummer and Annual Examinations showed very good results in both the upper and the lower classes of the school.

For the Matriculation and Senior Local Examinations we entered the whole of Class 1, 10 candidates, of whom 8 passed, 3 gaining the Matriculation, and 5 the Senior Local certificates. This is an excellent result, comparing very favourably with that obtained by any other school in the Colony. V. Wheller passed in English, Mathematics, Latin, French, Geography, and History, being awarded the Montargis French Prize. K. Jenner, who passed in 7 subjects, is the youngest boy in the East to obtain the Matriculation certificate. He is only 13.

The English and Mathematics were good, Arithmetic excepted, in which subject lower marks than expected were obtained. The French results were much better than those of past years, only one candidate failing in this subject.

For the Junior Local Examination we entered the whole of Class 2, 9 candidates, 6 of whom were successful. One boy, J. Maycock, passed in 8 subjects gaining distinction in Arithmetic, Mathematics and Drawing.

In the School Annual Examination a high standard of marking was adopted and the results were good.

In most classes there is a "tail" consisting of pupils admitted during the second and third terms of the year, to whom French, Physics, Chemistry, Algebra and Geometry are new subjects. This state of affairs is inevitable in this school.

Mrs. Hall resigned in December 1923. Mrs. Meacock in April 1924, and in November, Miss Thompson, who in December was married to Mr. Orme. We all join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Orme every happiness.

Mr. Tolley was transferred to Queen's College in September. It is our earnest wish that there may be no changes in the staff this year, for in this age of specialization, when a subject is taken throughout the school by a member of the staff who has made a special study of the subject, the work of a school is seriously affected by such changes.

At the Central British School we are offering children of British parents educational facilities of a high standard, equal in every respect to those offered by home schools. We are striving to develop a school spirit imbued with the best traditions of the home Public Schools, and to make this a school of truthfulness, honesty, manliness, and clean playing on and off the field. Very few schools possess staff who have qualifications higher than those possessed by the members of the staff of this school, or who display keener enthusiasm in the cause of education, education in the best and deepest sense.

## Visitors.

The school was visited by the Director of Education, the Inspector of English Schools, Mr. B. Wyllie, a member of the Board of Education, Mr. W. W. Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hongkong, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Education Commissions from both Japan and the Philippines Islands, and many parents and friends. I wish to remind all parents that I am always ready to meet them at the school to show them the class-rooms and laboratories and the work done here, and to discuss questions relating to their own children and to education in general.

## Curriculum.

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## Building and Equipment.

At the beginning of the year a Physics Laboratory was fitted up

in one of the class-rooms built in 1922, and at the end of the year Chemistry Laboratory was added. In March the building of 6 new class-rooms was completed and they are now occupied by Classes 4 and 6. Two rooms were converted into store-rooms for our up-to-date stock of Chemistry and Physics material.

Tiffins.

Excellent tiffins are provided at the school—a small charge being made for children coming from Hongkong.

## School Prospectus.

I shall be pleased to send copies of the School Prospectus for 1924-25 to anyone interested in the Central British School and in the education of British children in the East.

## Charity.

The pupils of this school have been very active in the cause of charity. They took part in the sale of poppies on Armistice Day and in the Annual Bazaar of the Ministering Children's League. The girls of Classes 3 and 4 raised a sum of £21.12.9, for which they sent a draft to the London Bantam-weight Championship.

## Library and Museum.

Our thanks are due to Mr. W. G. Joseph, Mr. O. I. Ellis, and Mr. A. Allison for supplying the School Library with books, magazines and illustrated papers. Captain R. F. Mitchell presented a collection of shells and coral to the School Museum. A new section, containing 150 volumes, was very generously given by Mr. W. G. Joseph, and I appeal to all parents and friends for further gifts of books and magazines.

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in covered nets in the playground being in daily use. A assignment of sports material—for cricket, football, tennis, fives—was received from home.

Our thanks are due to the Committee of the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Kowloon Football Club, who are always ready to encourage youthful talent, for granting us the use of their grounds for matches and practice games.

Swimming, as usual, was very popular, permission to use the Kowloon Dock Bathing Beach being again granted by the Dock Recreation Club Committee. We held our annual Empire Day picnic at Big Wave Bay. The School team was in the final of the Schools' Relay Race at the Victoria Recreation Club.

The Physical Instruction and Boxing Classes were held twice a week except during the summer months. At the Schools' Boxing Tournament the Boys' Light-weight Championship was won by K. Jenner, his brother, W. Jenner, being awarded the Men's Bantam-weight Championship.

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We thank Mrs. Well for presenting a silver cup for the Table Tournament which was held during the wet season.

It is interesting to note that old C.B.S. boys at home more than hold their own in cricket, football, swimming and boxing. One boy, W. Matchin, who left us during the year, won the Boys' Swimming Championship of Sussex, being awarded the "Harry Preston" Challenge Cup. A parent informed me the other day that her son had been elected Captain of his school.

I desire to express to the staff my appreciation of their enthusiastic and loyal support in all the varied activities of the school life, and to thank those who have very generously given prizes, and you, Sir, and Lady Severn, for honouring us with your presence here to-day.

## The Chairman's Speech.

Sir Claud Severn, thanking them for the honour paid him in asking him to preside at the second prize-giving of the Central British School, said that all would regret to learn of Mr. Orme's illness and hoped that he would soon be restored to health. Continuing, he said that he was pleased to see such a large attendance, which was a sign that the efforts of the school were being recognised by all those concerned in its welfare. He expressed his pleasure at seeing the rapid growth of the School since he was away in 1923. He hoped the students who left the School for the Universities, after completing their studies at the School, would return to Hongkong and become leading and useful citizens. The School was cramped for space, but recommendations would be considered favourably.

Commenting on School cricket, Sir Claud made an amusing reference to a cricket match at home in which he played for those over 40 against a junior team. That match, Sir Claud said, was won by his side by 2 runs, not through skill but by strategy against experienced cricketers.

Prize List.

Matriculation.—D. Ellis, K. Jenner; V. Wheller.

Senior Local.—A. Bach, E. Moses, J. Stewart, M. Whitley, S. Whitley.

Junior Local.—C. Allison, J. Hirst, J. Maycock, T. Whitley, S. Williams, R. Witchell.

Government Scholarships.—Class 1A (Matriculation) V. Wheller, Class 1B (Se. or Local) S. Whitley, Class 2 (Ju. or Local) R. Witchell, Class 3 K. Hammond, Class 4A V. Dorf, Class 4B G. Tacchi, Class 5A E. Mead, Class 5B L. Glendinning, Class 6 U. Mitchell.

Class 7.—V. Wheller.

Class 8.—(Senior Local) 1. K. Jenner; 2. S. Whitley (presented by Mr. E. Abraham).

Class 9.—(Junior Local) 1. J. Maycock; 2. R. Witchell (presented by Mr. E. Abraham).

Class 10.—1. K. Hammond; 2. D. Salter (presented by Mr. E. Abraham).

Class 11.—1. V. Dorf; 2. R. Woolley (presented by Mr. L. M. Whyte).

Class 12.—V. Wheller.

Class 13.—V. Wheller.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The "China Mail" will not be published to-morrow owing to the China New Year holidays.

Hundreds of monkeys are being exported from India for Thyroid Gland treatment in Germany and England. This traffic came into existence only a short time ago.

At the annual general meeting of Lumut Rubber Estates, Ltd., the directors are recommending the payment of a dividend of 10 per cent. for the year 1923-24.

With a view of making better provision for the prevention of cruelty to animals, a bill is about to be introduced into the North Borneo Legislative Council.

During a sudden squall in the Singapore harbour, six junks, fully loaded, were sunk. Over 8,000 bags of copra are missing. The water was strewn with bundles of rattan and cases of tinned pineapples. There were no casualties.

A Home paper says that wireless messages will henceforth be accepted by the Eastern Telegraph Company addressed to passengers travelling in ships on the sea routes to and from Egypt, Aden, India, Ceylon, the Far East, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, and South America.

Mr. Lim Joo-seng has reached the United States on his trip round the world. He has been to nearly all the principal countries in Europe, and in Paris visited his brother-in-law, secretary to the Siamese Minister. He has acquired the sole rights of two patents, one the manufacture of transparent scented soap and another powdered milk. The manufacture of these goods will be carried on in Singapore and the sole rights extended to Asia. Mr. Joo Seng was born in Singapore and is a member of the Chinese Association.

Singapore Irishmen have formed and Irish Association under the name of St. Patrick's Society.

A Reuter cable from Berne states that the report that Costa Rica has resigned from the League of Nations has been confirmed.

It is understood that the Egyptian base for the airship service to India will be placed at Ismailia, in the small Bitter Lake, on the Suez Canal. Aeroplane landing grounds already exist there, but to accommodate airships it will be necessary to erect a mooring-mast. A gas plant for inflation will also probably be put down.

A Weltevreden message of January 13, to the Singapore Free Press, states that a tea factory on the Pangledjar estate, on the Preanger Residency, was burned down by a fire, the cause of which is unknown. The damage, estimated at 200,000 guilders, is covered by insurance. The rubber factory was not damaged, but the European planters' bungalows were partly burned.

Mr. Yuen, manager of the Queen's Theatre, expected to send down a shower of numbered programmes whilst flying over the City as passenger in Mr. R. Earshaw's aeroplane this morning. The programmes, which will be in English and Chinese, and depicting the present attractive run of picture and comedy, will have a premium attached to them. The first to pick up one of them and present it to the Theatre will be entitled to a free ticket for one month; the second for two weeks; and the third for one week. This stunt was to have been carried out yesterday afternoon, but had to be postponed owing to unfavourable flying conditions.

The first motor car stolen in Shanghai for quite a long time disappeared last Saturday night between 8 and 11 o'clock whilst lying outside of No. 25 Route Cornueille. This belonged to Mr. W. J. Brown of the Shanghai Oil Co.

Tokyo has resumed her place as the fifth city of the world, according to a police census taken recently. After the earthquake of September, 1923, Tokyo lost a quarter of her population and dropped behind Berlin. The police enumeration shows that the city now has 1,017,000 inhabitants, a gain of 300,000 from the figures just after the earthquake, but 260,000 less than before the disaster.

A short time ago there was an "all-girl revue" at the Oriental Hotel, Kobe, which was one of the worst shows ever put before the Kobe public. However, there was talent there, and the singing of Miss Helen Darling attracted very favourable notice, though the general badness of the show was beyond redemption, says the Japan Chronicle. This was the company which broke up in Shanghai, and Miss Darling, with her sister Jeanne, who is an accomplished musician, gave performances on their own accounts, and altogether put in some six successful weeks in Shanghai.

Dancing round the Gordon Hall, Tientsin, at the Jewish Ball on January 10, a young lady who was dressed as an angel singed her wings. She was in a white dress, with large wings of cotton wool, and in passing close to a table, her wings touched the end of a cigarette. Instantly the cotton wool burst into flames, and the girl was placed in grave danger as her companions, eager to help, did not but hamper her. The Chinese fireman who was on duty acted promptly. He partly disrobed the angel, tearing the blazing cotton wool away, and the girl emerged from the ordeal without injury.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

General Hsu (Little Hsu), the Chinese Anfu leader, arrived at Marseilles on December 23 in the mail boat "Amazon." It is stated that he will go to Paris and London, where he expects to spend six months.

"Nieuws van den Dag" learns that Queen Wilhelmina, accompanied by her consort, Prins Hendrik, and their daughter, Princess Julian, will visit Great Britain in the summer of this year, and the party may stay in Scotland for a few weeks.

The Earl of Longford's engagement to Miss Christine Trew, an Oxford girl and under-graduate, has now been announced. When the young Earl went to Christchurch from Eton two years ago, he was immediately named the "Shy Earl" because of his embarrassment in the presence of women, and he received many congratulations when about six months ago, he let it be known that his engagement to Miss Trew might be expected. Lord Longford, whose father was killed in action in the Dardanelles, is a nephew of Lord Dunsany, and during his first term at Oxford he gained some notoriety by joining the Irish Self-Determination League. Miss Trew was a daughter of the late Mr. Richard Trew, of Cheddar, Somerset, and of Mrs. Trew, of Chalfont-st-ronald, Oxford.

Mr. Herbert Francis Brady, whose sudden death it reported, was born on February 15, 1854, and after passing a competitive examination was appointed a student interpreter in China on March 10, 1876. He became acting Consul at Kiukiang in 1880 and 1881, and was promoted 2nd Assistant on July 1, 1886. He was acting Vice-Consul at Whampoa in 1886 and 1887, and accountant to the Legation at Peking in 1887, 1888, and 1889, and again from May 24 to December 31, 1891. He was also concurrently acting assistant Chinese Secretary. Thereafter he was promoted to be 1st Assistant 1891, assistant Chinese Secretary 1892, and Pro-Consul at Peking from 1893 to 1892. He was acting Consul at Ichang in 1894, and 1895, acting Consul Kiukiang 1895 and 1896, at Chinkiang in 1896, and at Wuhan in 1896 and 1897. He was promoted Consul at Samnau in September, 1897, and transferred to Chungking in November, 1900, but did not proceed, going to Chefoo in July, 1901. He was acting Consul-General at Hankow in 1901, and retired on a pension in August, 1908.

Mr. Andrew Grant, a former merchant of Bombay, has left 2607,746.

Among the passengers who left Malaya for England by the "Teiresias" last week was Mr. Thomas Mayhew, son of Mr. T. O. Mayhew, of Estate and Trust Agencies, Ltd.

Mrs. John Mitchell and her daughter, who are touring the Continent, were recently in Rome, when they had an audience of His Holiness the Pope, and then went on to Naples, Venice and Milan.

The Hon. Sir W. George Maxwell, Chief Secretary, F.M.S., has arrived back in Kuala Lumpur after his holiday trip to Burma.

Mr. Tan Keong-ann, of Malacca, father of the Hon. Mr. Tan Cheng-lock, has left Malaya on a health trip for Hongkong.

News has been received from New York of the death of Mr. Fred Stern, a prominent rubber broker, who had an office in Singapore up to about three years ago. Another message stated that the market was unsettled owing to anxiety created pending full details as to the position of Mr. Stern's business.

The Hon. Richard D. Denman, of Staffield Hall, Cumberland, formerly Liberal member for Carlisle, has joined the Socialist Party.

Mr. Denman, who is a brother of Lord Denman, before the last election was chosen Liberal candidate for the Penrith and Cockerham Division, but he abandoned his candidature on the ground that he disagreed with the Liberals' action in expelling the Socialist Government from office.

The order of Companion of the Bath has been conferred upon Major-General S. F. Green, Major-General C. A. Godwin, Major-General H. J. Banfield, Major-General G. G. Loch, Major-General C. L. Porter, Major-General G. R. Cassels and Major-General D. I. Shuttleworth.

Several newspapers again mention Lord Ronaldshay as Lord Reading's successor. There is the best authority, for stating that while Lord Ronaldshay may be in the minds of the Whitchurch authorities, he has up to the present not received any suggestion. There is reason to believe that influential non-European opinion in India favours the appointment of him who has not yet recovered from the Lord Ronaldshay.

Mr. Ernest L. Harris, Consul-General for the United States in Singapore, has been compelled to go on sick leave and has sailed for America on the "President Harrison." Mr. Harris has been Consul-General here since 1921, and has carried out his duties in a manner which made him universally popular, says the Straits Times.

He had previously served in several European countries and had travelled extensively, acquiring a broad outlook and knowledge of affairs, which all who came in contact with him recognised. Mr. Hugh S. Miller, who acted with much acceptance during Mr. Harris's absence on leave a year ago, will again be acting Consul-General. Mr. Miller was formerly a Vice-Consul in Hongkong. Prior to that he was a member of the "China Mail's" literary staff.

The death was announced in mail week of Mr. Henry J. Thomas, a Welsh financial magnate, at Cardiff. He was a director of over forty leading companies in the United Kingdom, including Siemens Brothers and the London Coliseum. Starting as a young stockbroker, Mr. Thomas became a millionaire, and was associated with Sir Oswald Stoll in many of his successful ventures. Mr. Thomas's advice was sought in the re-organisation of all sorts of companies, golf clubs, yacht clubs, and other schemes.

A pretty wedding was solemnised at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Singapore, between Mr. Henry Woodford, of Messrs. Loxley and Co., eldest son of the late Mr. H. Woodford and Mrs. Emily Woodford, of Woodford's Garage, and Miss Meeter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Meeter, of Sandakan, Borneo.

The death has occurred at the General Hospital, Kuala Lumpur, from pneumonia, of Mr. Jackson, a member of Armstrong's circus, who has left behind ill when the circus left some weeks ago after a season in Kuala Lumpur.

A Penang paper reports that but for the timely rescue effected by Mr. de Souza, Miss Mabel Phipps, while bathing in the sea at Tanjong Bungah, would have been drowned. Her two brothers first went out, but failed to reach her. Mr. de Souza was just in time to grip her hands before she went down for the third time. Artificial respiration was applied and medical aid sent for. She is recovering from the shock.

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## THEATRE ROYAL.

MADELINE ROSSITER'S COMPANY.

Mr. Charles Mason who appears with Madame Rossiter's Company at the Theatre Royal to-morrow, was for some time associated with the famous H. G. Pelissier's "Follies" Co. He is a comedian of exceptional ability, who adapts himself well to the humorous element in the burlesques and provokes plenty of laughter, in individual effort. He is an extremely clever writer and has contributed many funny sketches to the company's repertoire and to several well-known London Revues, besides writing most of his own songs.



Miss Lena Lawton.

Miss Lena Lawton is another member of Madeline Rossiter's Company. She will always be remembered for her remarkable daintiness. Her dancing is delightful and she is a genuine little comedienne. Her child impersonations are extremely clever.

Jack Bennett is the popular pianist and whistler of the Company. He has a taking way about him and always wins the heart of his audience. His whistling has been described in the press as "Unusually Sweet." In his vocal duets, humorous and otherwise with Billy Tredele, he scores heavily. Billy Tredele excels in the art of duet singing. He possesses a pleasant, mellow tenor voice and sings delightful duets with Madeline Rossiter and Elsie May. He also excels in his own light comedy songs.

Dan Gennel, another member of the Company is a clever comedian and an excellent dancer. His dancing is wonderful, so quick, so neat and so sure and he has a pleasing style of comedy. Madge Abberlare possesses a pleasing voice and is a clever dancer. Joan Nipman, the musical director and accompanist at the piano is a brilliant exponent of her art. In her cheerful manner she proves herself the "back-bone" of the party.

## "MY AMERICAN WIFE."

## LAST DAY AT THE CORONET.

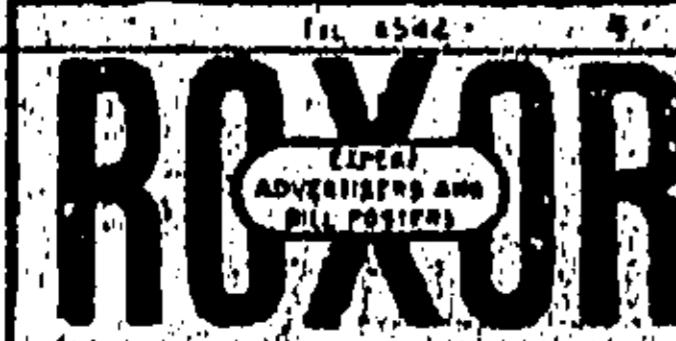
With the China New Year holiday spirit at home and abroad there should be a crowded house at the Coronet to-day for the final screening of the fine Paramount picture "My American Wife" which features Gloria Swanson and Antonio Moreno.

With the news that the Prince of Wales is to visit the Argentine Republic in the not far distant future, there is sure to be a general public thirst for information about the Argentine, its capital, its people, and its customs. It seems more than a mere coincidence that the management of the Coronet should have secured "My American Wife," with its glorious Argentine scenes, at the very moment when the public are beginning to talk of that pretty Republic in connection with the Prince's coming visit.

"My American Wife" is a romance and something more than romance. Scenes are shown in the Argentine Chamber of Deputies, in a low-class cafe dive, in an aristocratic yet Bohemian studio, in the Hippodrome, and on the race track at Buenos Aires. Information on all these will be doubly welcomed on account of the Prince of Wales's coming visit.

But to-day is the last opportunity for seeing "My American Wife" at the Coronet.

To-morrow (Saturday) has been reserved for that wonderful historical film, "When Knighthood was in Flower," a story of the days of King Henry VIII.

A NEW WORLD.  
THE NEW  
VISIONS OF NEW SOCIAL  
ORDER.

Preaching at the Wesleyan Methodist Church last Sunday, Rev. C. Clouston Pinn, H.C.F., took as his text:—

"Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the Good-news of God. The time may come and the Kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe the good news.—Mark 1:14-15.

H. G. Wells entitles an early study in social reconstruction, "New World for Old." The prophet-novelist believes in the coming of a new World-order; the present order is bad but it is passing—and writes with the confidence of a seer whose vision of the future is bright with hope. We may agree or disagree with the Gospel according to H. G. Wells, but we welcome a gospel which turns our attention from the weary old World to the freshness and splendour of a new. 1925 is young enough to allow us to dream dreams, see visions, and believe the good news that a day will dawn when all men shall love and follow goodness, beauty and truth.

We began the New Year with a resolution to prepare ourselves, that we might be ready to take our part in the new order which is to be. The old order will change yielding place to new but the former will not pass unperceived and unchallenged. We must "ring out the old" before we can "ring in the new." The interval between the muffled bells that toll the passing and the happy bells that announce the birth must be devoted to preparation—self-preparation.

Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth, who proclaimed with the certainty of knowledge the coming of the new order, announced as a preliminary condition of its advent such self-preparation. He taught men that they must turn from the old in penitence and turn to the new in faith and hope. "The Kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe the good news."

St. Mark describes the opening of our Lord's ministry in Galilee. "He went," he tells us, "proclaiming the good news of God!" The proclamation stands at the forefront of the earliest Gospel. "The beginning of the good-news about Jesus Christ." "Good-news" is given as the keynote of the Marcan record of the Christ's Ministry and continues as the theme of our Lord's message. In any interpretation of the mission of Jesus this element of good news must be kept in mind. He came to bring to mankind a joyous gospel, which is God's good-news.

It is essential to observe that Jesus related His gospel to the Kingdom of God. St. Luke describes it as "the good news of the Kingdom," that is, of its approach. The good news of God, "The time has come, the Kingdom of God is at hand."

The public ministry of Jesus began with the announcement of the coming Kingdom. In sermon and parable He explained the idea and ideals of that Divine order and characterised the citizen-sons of the Kingdom. He called an expectant nation to make ready for and to seek as its earliest and most urgent guest the Kingdom of God. He chose twelve disciples whom He instructed and sent forth to publish the gospel of the Kingdom. He taught men to pray "Thy Kingdom come." The nation, privileged to hear first of all the good news, rejected the Messenger and His message. Crucified as pretender to Kingship, the good news did not become less good, or the vision of the kingdom less hopeful. The loyalty of the Christ to the ideal of the Kingdom in the face of the Cross, its suffering and shame, inspired faith in the ideal and created loyalties. Messengers hearing the gospel of the Kingdom multiplied and published far and wide the good news.

Jesus believed that the best news He could give the world concerned the Kingdom of God. The nation which rejected Him was anxiously awaiting its coming, the nations of to-day may be less expectant—but reformers and dreamers look forward to brighter days, to the advent of a new industrial, economic, and social order "New Worlds for Old." Jesus believed the good news He announced was the news for which the world waits, but His own people were as uncomprehending as many of our people, are nineteen centuries later. The news is still good and signs are not wanting that the vision of the Kingdoms of the world and their splendour is fading into the glorious vision of the Kingdom of God, and that modern heralds and apostles will take up the cry. "The time has come, the Kingdom of God is at hand, turn and believe the good news."

What the "Kingdom of God" meant to Jesus was something very different from what it meant to His contemporaries. My Kingdom said Jesus "is not of this world." The Jew expected it to be of this and His world. "The Kingdom of God is within you." The Jew was unprepared.

## STOP PRESS.

## TEST CRICKET.

## AUSTRALIA WINS.

(Reuters' Service.)

Adelaide, January 23. Australia won the Test match by 11 runs, England being all out for 363 in the second innings.

for such inwardness. Oriental imagination had pictured the glory and splendour of a Divine Sovereignty which would astonish the world. Jesus saw the Kingdom coming where God was known as He revealed Him, and where God's will was understood as He taught and embodied it. The good news which Jesus published, was as St. Mark writes, "Good news of God."

What the Kingdom of God meant to Jesus is the Sovereign rule of the God, Whom He knew as "My Father" and whose Kingdom He described as "My Father's Kingdom."

Our Lord's conception of God as Father adds distinctiveness to His idea of the Kingdom as being Divine and Paternal.

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has come to be, as definite a conception of God among Christians as Jehovah, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, was among the Jews. The God whom Jesus knew, whom He loved, whose will He obeyed and whose Kingdom He established among men, this God must rule and extend His divinely-paternal sway over all the nations.

If we could only comprehend God as Jesus knew Him, we should understand the nature of His rule and seek at once to be included among the citizen-sons of his Kingdom.

What the Kingdom of God meant to Jesus is the Sovereign rule of the God, Whom He revealed to men as "Your Father." "Fear not little flock; it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom."

This adds further distinctiveness to the idea of the kingdom. The rule of God is not alien or arbitrary but the rule of the Heavenly Father over the members of his family.

"Our Father....Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done."

The Kingdom of God which our Lord announced as approaching the new order of humanity which is to be, appears as a family order, the extent of which is as wide as mankind.

The prophets of Israel had risen to the conception of the Holy nation as the son of God but Jesus, who was supremely conscious of His own Sonship, taught the Sonship of His brethren, regarding every individual child of man as potentially a child of God and a member of His family. Jesus, it was, who saw in the individual glorious possibilities of harmonious filial relations with the God, Whom He revealed as "Our Father."

We conceive the new World-order that is to be as established among men made conscious of their filial relationship to God, accepting their privileges and responsibilities and living in trustful obedience to their Heavenly Father.

What the Kingdom of God meant to Jesus was further the Fatherly rule of God over those whom He knew as "My brethren."

"Readers of the Gospels will be familiar with the incident in which Jesus claimed such as His brethren." "Who is My Mother and who are My brethren?" He had asked and replied to His own question, "Whosoever shall do the will of My Father which is in heaven, the same is My brother, sister and mother."

Further distinctiveness is given to the idea of the Kingdom. In the family order where all are brothers, race problems will be solved, and other problems, which have arisen, will vanish in the measure that we live in mutual and harmonious relationship with our brothers, and in obedience to the law of the family of God. The simplicity of the domestic legislation of the Heavenly Father will be understood. "Thou shall love the Lord, thy God with all thy heart, and thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

Jesus opened His ministry by proclaiming the nearness of that Kingdom and calling upon men to prepare themselves for its coming. He required as necessary preliminary condition, repentance, a turning from the old, in order to turn to the new. In our Lord's idea of repentance, there was nothing morbid, but a healthy discontent with the past and a sane dissatisfaction with ourselves. Such an idea creates the feeling I am wrong with God and with my brothers; present conditions are bad and I share the responsibility for them.

I am not contributing to the welfare of the great World-family to which I belong. I most sincerely repent. Readily do I break with the past which must go before the World can be made new unto the scheme of God. Jesus raises the idea of repentance, from what is merely personal and self-

interested, into something nobler, which is social, cosmic and disinterested. If we must think of repentance as sorrow for sin then it is for the sin which defeats the fulfilment of God's purpose in us and in His family, of which we are members, "we delay the coming of the Kingdom, and the extension of the Kingly rule of our Father."

The further preliminary condition required was a turning from the old to the new in faith and hope. The Coming of the Kingdom was good news. "Believe," cried Jesus, believe the Gospel, the glad tidings. Jesus Himself believed it and He called His brethren to share His faith and hope.

We asked ourselves to-day, who are we catching glimpses of the World such as Jesus must have caught from the elevation of the Cross, a World in revolt, full of unrest, and full of selfishness—a family divided, distracted and distraught, we ask ourselves, is not the good-news which Jesus proclaimed the Gospel for which our world is waiting? We are offered to-day the Gospel according to Karl Marx and the Gospel according to Jesus. Which is the more hopeful and inspiring?

The good news which Jesus brought was, God's news. "News about God, the one solvent of the World's unrest." "O God, Thou hast made us for Thyself and our heart cannot be at rest till it finds rest in Thee." Abstractions and theological definitions of God will not satisfy our soul-hunger, that satisfaction, we feel, can be found alone in the belief of the good news in the Divine Fatherhood.

The good news which Jesus announced concerned man and humanity. He taught men their family relationships and their mutual duties. He made the brotherhood of man depend upon a higher principle than any community of interest and purpose. He made it depend upon the unity of the human family. "When ye pray say 'Our Father' and when from our hearts we thus pray, we must also say, 'our brother'."

The good news according to Jesus contained the principle of order, which alone can bring about harmonious relationship between God and man and man and men. "They will be done on earth as in heaven," would unite the family of mankind and introduce on earth the peace and joy which reigns in heaven.

We may view as remote such felicitous consummation of our hopes for a new world but Jesus saw it near and rejoiced. His love of God and of humanity raised the veil and He saw beyond the day when He should gather together in one family the scattered children of God. He calls us to share His vision, His hope and His love. He calls us to feel His great charity, our brothers may resist through ignorance. "Father forgive them, they know not what they do." We must learn His patience and with confident hope labour to spread the good news of the Kingdom and contribute our part, however insignificant it may be, towards the coming of the true brotherhood of the Sons of God, the brotherhood of men in which the will of the Heavenly Father will be the supreme rule.

Newark, N.J., January 21.—In-door World records for the 2½ and 2½ miles were broken to-day by P. Nurmi, the "phenomenal Finn." His time was 13 minutes, 3 seconds for the 2½ miles, and 10 minutes 42 seconds for the 2½ miles.

Paris, January 21.—In the Chamber during a discussion on the Budget on foreign affairs, M. Herriot, Finance Minister, eulogised the activity of the French religious missionaries, particularly the Lazarists, who, in the Eastern countries had rendered great services to France.—Havas.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

## HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 7th February 1924, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1924.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 2nd February to the 9th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd to 30th January, 1925, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO. LTD., General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1925.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

## PUBLIC DINNER

to H. E. MAJOR GENERAL SIR JOHN FOWLER, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.

IT is proposed that a Dinner should be given by the Community in honour of H. E. Major General Sir John Fowler, who is shortly leaving the Colony.

Gentlemen wishing to be present should notify on or before 31st January, their intention to Colonel Robertson, Hongkong Club, who will supply particulars.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1925.

Consignees of Cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports Office, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned or Delivery Orders issued.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns where it will be examined at 10 a.m. 29th January, 1925. Thursday, by Messrs. Anderson & Ashe, Marine Surveyors.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognised.

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### ARRIVING FOR THE FRAY.



Photo by Mee Fong.

H.E. the Governor, Sir Edward Stubbs, arriving to open the new golf course at Kowloon City.

### NEW KOWLOON GOLF COURSE OPENED.



Photo by Mee Fong.  
Last Sunday afternoon the new Kowloon Golf Course at Kowloon City was opened by H.E. the Governor, Sir Edward Stubbs.

### THE FIRST GAME OF THE COURSE.



Photo by Mee Fong.  
The course was officially opened by Sir Edward Stubbs playing a round of nine holes against Sir John Fowler whom he beat by two holes.

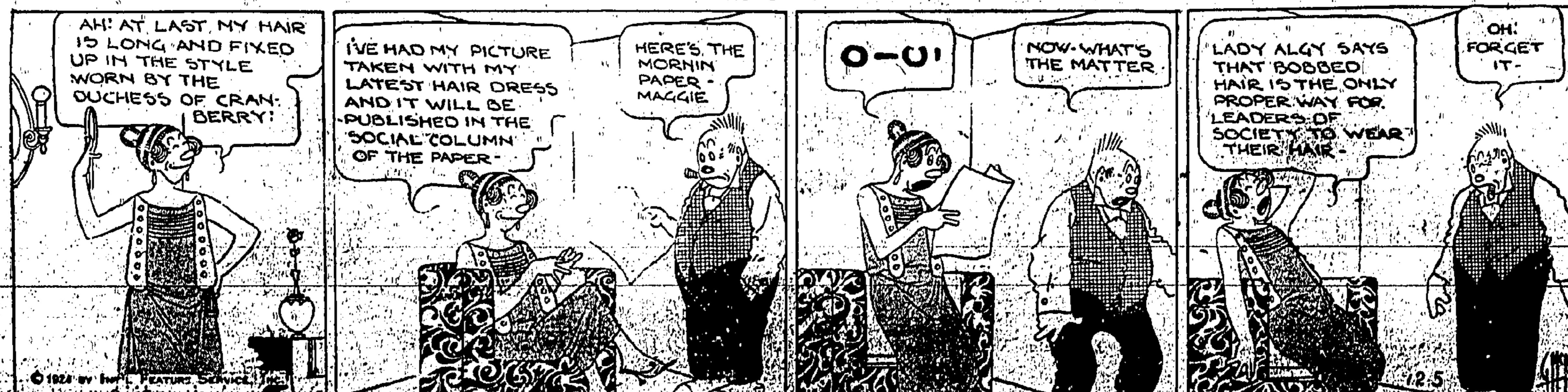
### BREAKING THE CLUB'S FLAG.



Photo by Mee Fong.

The Governor, who was accompanied by Hon. Sir Claud Savern and Capt. Neville, arrived on the course at about 3 p.m., and proceeded to break the flag of the Kowloon Golf Club, thus officially opening the institution.

### BRINGING UP FATHER.



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BALANCE OF POWER.

RUSSO-JAPANESE TREATY  
COMMENT.

ECONOMIC POSSIBILITIES.

London, January 22.—The diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" describes the "Treaty between Japan and Soviet as an event fraught with very far-reaching political—even strategic—and economic possibilities."

He adds, that, economically speaking, the combination of Japanese enterprise, industry and science with Siberia's natural resources, promises to be formidable; and, if supplemented by a political "entente," it would connote considerable modification of the balance and "influence" of power in the Far East—notably in China.

The correspondent declares, it is not unlikely that the orientation of the Japano-Soviet policy in Peking might tend to encourage certain Chinese elements in their demand for an early abandonment of extra-territorial and other privileges by the Treaty Powers.

SOVIET VIEWS.

Moscow, January 21.—

M. Chicherin, in an interview, expressed the opinion that the Japono-Soviet Treaty had undoubtedly strengthened the Soviet in the Far East. It also gave Japan a source of support in the event of difficulties arising.

M. Chicherin emphasized that the "enthusiastic reception" accorded to M. Joffe, the first Soviet envoy to Japan, illustrated the sympathy of the Japanese masses with the Soviet.—*Reuter*.

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On Monday, the 26th inst., there will be one collection from the

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